Our apprehensions regarding Pakistan's clandestine procurement of nuclear technology, materials and components from a number of countries for its nuclear weapon programme have been confirmed by all available evidence. Government continues to maintain a constant vigil on this as well as on other developments having a bearing on the country's security.

IPKF Personnel killed in Sri Lanka

366. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the number of soldiers and other personnel of the Indian Peace Keeping Force who died in encounter with the LTTE in Sri Lanka during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): During the six month period ending 25 April, 1988, 229 IPKF personnel were killed in the operatons in Sri Lanka.

Putting up of cases before the Central Administrative Tribunal

367. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure of putting up cases before the Central Administrative Tribunal;

(b) what assistance and guidance are being provided to employees so as to file cases before the Central Administrative Tribunal; and

(c) what is the main idea of Government to establish such Tribunal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Central Administrative Tribunal follows the Board System for putting up cases in the Tribunal as is the practice in High Courts.

(b) The Central Administrative Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1987, issued by the Central Government and circulated to all Ministries/Departments, contained details guidelines for the employees in regard to filing cases before the Central Administrative Tribunal.

(c) The main objective behind setting up of Central Administrative Tribunal was to provide speedy and inexpensive relief to the Central Government employees in respect of service matters cases.

Time limit for disposal of Pension cases

368. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases which have been disposed of by the Department of Pensions during the last three years;

(b) whether the Department of Pensions keep a time schedule for disposal of a case after a complaint of non-receipt of pension or partial receipt of pension is made to it;

(c) if so, what is the time limit; and

(d) if not, what is the procedure followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Department of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare deals with formulation of policy relating to pension and other retirement benefits for Central Govt. employees, but the system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. The action to redress the complaints has, therefore, to be taken by respective pension sanctioning/disbursing authorities. Under the circumstances it is not practicable to fix